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publicity afforded the story of the NKKKK Klavern within	.b6
the Chicago Police Department.	b70 b71
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prior to PD exposure, many persons may feel that the Chicago
Police Superintendent was not aware of klansmen in his
Department, or if aware was not going to do anything about
it. According to either belief would greatly
damage the image of Chicago police officers and serve to
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corroborate the belief of some individuals that Chicago
police officers are not impartial in regard to investigations
concerning racial matters.
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it should appear a "leak" to the news media concerning this
matter is imminent, both he and would
immediately hold a press conference, at which time they
would identify known klansmen who are currently police
officers.
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On 12/22/67, upon being apprised of the anonymous calls, indicated a belief that possibly
anonymous calls, indicated a belief that possibly
could be responsible and was making the calls to the
FBI Office in an effort to be able to publicly claim he had
furnished klan information to the FBI in the event he should
be disciplined or exposed by the Chicago PD for NKKKK
activity in Chicago.
On indicated the belief that
individuals who were at the meeting at which solicited
NKKKK applications were so concerned that might be a
"plant" of the Intelligence Division of the Chicago PD, that
any one of them could possibly leak information to news media
which might result in disclosure of klansmen in the Chicago
PD. Source indicated several individuals felt that disclosure
of klansmen on the Chicago PD would benefit klan organizations
from resulting publicity. Source stated that some klansmen
expressed opinion that public exposure of Chicago policemen
as klansmen may cause a reaction among Black Militants, which
would serve to increase interest in klan activities as well as
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police officers publicly identified as members of the NKKKK under the laws of Illinois, but is not at this time willing

to testify or expose his identity.

Approximately 170 names and addresses of individuals were obtained in the search of residence. Chicago is checking names through indices and will afford appropriate attention to those individuals identified which would warrant investigation.

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Chicago sources assigned.

Chicago Office is following this matter closely and the Bureau will be kept advised.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-895

### SITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois January 9, 1968

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) RACIAL MATTER - KLAN ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED KEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8:29-88. BY SOME

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) is attached to this communication. who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in that she learned that in mid-December, 1967, a meeting was held at which an individual, who identified himself as the the Illinois NKKKK, appeared and solicited applications for membership in the NKKKK. advised that several individuals present filled out application forms for the NKKKK while others present indicated an interest in joining the NKKKK, but desired an opportunity to "think the matter over." b2 b6 b7C advised that the person who spoke did b7D not identify himself by name or occupation, merely stating that he was the for the Illinois Branch of the NKKKK. Subsequent to furnishing the above information, source advised on December 20, 1967, that she had learned the individual who solicited membership in the NKKKK at meeting referred to above was

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On December 20, 1967, records of the Chicago

Credit Bureau, Incorporated, were checked and the following

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information was noted:

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) listed his employment as policeman on December 7, 1964. resided at on March 21, 1960, at which time he listed his employment as the United States Army, Libertyville, Illinois. who resided a t April 12, 1962, indicated employment by the City of Chicago at 113 West Chicago Street, Chicago, Illinois. It is noted 113 West Chicago Street, Chicago, Illinois, is the 18th District Headquarters, Chicago Police Department. On February 6, 1958, an anonymous caller advised b70 Chicago Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Office that was in possession of firearms and small grenades. Caller had stated that he got firearms and small grenades at his place of employment. Caller indicated was employed by the United States Government in an arsenal or similar type installation. Caller indicated dvised that he has in his possession a .50 caliber machine gun and numerous boxes of ammunition for the Caller advised that had detonated small grenades in stone quarries in the Chicago area and has also indicated that he will obtain firearms for persons interested in purchasing such guns. was interviewed at which time he furnished the following information: He advised that he was formerly employed at the 768th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battery D, Illinois National Guard, under as an was informed of the allegations made against him and denied that he ever had any firearms or grenades in his possession. stated the Illinois National Guard Battalion at 234 East Chicago Avenue, for which he formerly

worked, did have .50 caliber machine guns and hand grenades for training purposes, but that he had never used them and had never detonated any grenadesalso denied that he ever told anyone that he had firearms, ammunition or grenades in his possession or could obtain any such items for persons interested in purchasing themstated that he had been questioned several months ago by FBI Agents who were conducting an investigation requested by the Illinois National Guard, 768 AAA Battalion, when some Government property had been stolencontinued that at that time, two agents had conducted a thorough search of his home and had found no Government property, and that he later heard that the stolen property had been recovered in the possession of another individual.	
concluded by stating his home could be searched at any time and again denied the allegations.	
The following description was furnished by n February 26, 1968:	
Name Sex Race Nationality Date of Birth Place of Birth Weight and Height Hair Eyes Scars and Marks	
Social Security Number Military Service Selective Service No. Selective Service Classification	

b6 NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE b7C KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) Relatives Parents Half-brother Sister Wife Daughter Residence Education **Employment** On February 26, 1958, residence at was searched, after obtaining written consent to search, and no firearms, ammunition or any Government property was located. <u>On</u> March 3, 1958, 768th Anti-aircraft Artillery Battalion, IIIInois National Guard, 234 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, stated that \_\_\_\_ formerly worked at the Armory as a for about eight months when his services were terminated in December of 1957, because of insubordination. advised that he had taken an inventory of all .50 caliber machine guns, ammunition and hand grenades and that there are no discrepancies of any kind. that to his knowledge it would have been impossible for to have stolen a .50 caliber machine gun or any other equipment on all firearms and ammunition. concluded by states worked at the Armory, he had from the Armory because of the strict accountability maintained never been given any information to question the honesty of

On December 20, 1967, records of the Motor
Vehicle Registration Division, Springfield, Illinois,
were checked and the following information was noted
_relating to
1967 Illinois license number which
was issued to
on February 15. 1967. was registered
to a 1958 Oldsmobile, four-door,
was issued Illinois driver's
on June 22, 1967, (scheduled
to expire July 3, 1970), contained the following descriptive
data:
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On December 21, 1967. agents of the Chicago Office of the FBI advised
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Internal Investigation Division (IID), Chicago Police Penartment (DD) of above information.
which indicatedcurrently employed as a
Chicago policeman, is an for the NKKKK in the
Chicago area and allegedly is the Illinois
for the NKKKK.   was advised that   has recently
been active in attempting to recruit members for the NKKKK
in the Chicago area.
In the Chicago area.
upon being
advised of identity and activity in the NKKKK in
Chicago, stated the following:
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It had recently come to his attention that
currently employed as a Chicago
policeman, was reported to be the pf the
NKKK <del>K for the State of Illinois.</del> advised
that has been attempting to organize NKKKK klaverns
in the Chicago area among both police officers and
civilians.

On December 22, 1967, agents of the Chicago FBI Office advised that Chicago FBI Office had received four anonymous telephone calls, the most recent on the afternoon of December 21, 1967. anonymous caller(s), after indicating the conversation was being tape recorded, furnished information suggesting klan meetings were being held at a designated address located in the near north section of Chicago. indicated on December 21, 1967, that he had previously made an anonymous call to the Chicago FBI Office indicating Ku Klux Klan (KKK) meetings were being held in Chicago. Caller indicated on December 21, 1967, that he had observed guns and two boxes, which were labeled dynamite, at a designated address, located on the near north side of Chicago. Caller also indicated that the next KKK meeting would be held on the evening of December 27, 1967.

It is noted investigation conducted regarding information furnished by anonymous caller ascertained b7C that information was erroneous as to addresses furnished. b7D Specifically, addresses furnished by anonymous caller as to location of klan meeting was determined to be a parking lot which had no buildings where any meeting could possibly have been held.

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Chicago source advised that she had learned that all individuals who were at meeting in mid-December, 1967, at which had solicited applications for the NKKKK, were aware that was currently employed as a Chicago policeman.

Subsequent to the above, at approximately 1:30 p.m., on December 27, 1967, an anonymous call was received at the Chicago Office of the FBI and the caller indicated that he had previously called the FBI concerning KKK activities in Chicago. Anonymous caller stated that a "leak" of NKKKK activities at Chicago had taken place.

The above information was immediately furnished	
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policeman and his association with the NKKKK.	
indicated late on the afternoon of	
December 27, 1967, that IID was obtaining a search warrant	
for the residence ofat	
He advised IID contemplated conducting	
search ofresidence as soon as possible and	
immediately prior to making public matters relating to	
IID's investigation of klansmen currently employed as	
Chicago policemen.	
At approximately 1:30 p.m., December 28. 1967,	
police officers of the IID. Chicago PD, led by	
executed a search warrant	_
at residence,	
IID officer's confiscated the following firearms at	_
residence:	
One twelve-gauge, Remington, Wingmaster 870,	
sawed-off shotgun, serial number 657536V	
One .30 caliber M-1, Springfield rifle,	
serial number 1684119	
One Amalus was Windshaukan Madal Off	
One twelve-gauge Windchester, Model 97	
shotgun, serial number E816836.	
One Af coldbar Deals mand contemption	
One .45 caliber Eagle, semi-automatic	
carbine, serial number 1232	
One 20 Of calibon TW Delater make	
One .30-06 caliber FN, Belgian make,	
Nato Model, semi-automatic rifle, serial numbers 4926 and 31042	
Serial numbers 4320 and 31042	
One 45 calibar Calt II S Gavernment	
One .45 caliber Colt, U. S. Government	
pistol, serial number 126663	

One .22 caliber Sturm-Ruger, standard automatic pistol, serial number 240723

One converted nickel-plated cap pistol - converted to a .22 caliber "zip" gun

Ammunition, gun clips and magazines for above guns were also seized in IID search of residence.  IID officers located and seized a 7.65 caliber Weblet Scott automatic pistol, serial number in police officer locker at 11th PD District Headquarters.	
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Colt 38 rev. C.P. Ser.  Colt 45 auto. C.P. Ser.  Ruger 22 auto. B.S. ser  Win. 97 12 ga. Ser. E816836 pump  Enfield 303 Carbine Ser.  Universal 30 caliber carbine semi auto Ser.  Mauser 8 m.m. Arabic no. unable to read.  G43 8 m.m Ser  Reining 22 auto with scope Ser.  Belgium 6391 8 MM semi auto.  M1 grand 3006 ser.  M2 Semi auto - Govt. Prop.  32 5 shot revolver ser.	o7C
The following hand grenades, live, were located and seized at residence by IID officers on December 28, 1967:	

Three hand grenades, numbered 1-520 Two hand grenades, numbered 1-130 One hand grenade, numbered 1-149 One hand grenade, numbered 1-170 Two smoke grenades (no number)

In addition to above, an estimated 100,000 rounds of ammunition, six knives, a gas mask, a plastic cross and voluminous quantities of "hate literature" was also seized by Chicago PD.

At approximately 5:00 p.m., December 28, 1967,
Chicago PD, held a press
and television conference, at which time he made the
following statement:
For the past several months the Chicago PD
has been conducting an investigation into the activities of
the KKK in the City of Chicago. As a result of this
investigation it has been determined that
assigned to the 11th
District, is the leader of this group. Acting in that
capacity, he has recruited five other patrolmen of
the Chicago PD into that organization. The other five
members are all patrolmen and are currently being questioned
in offices in the police building.
assigned to the 11th District,
has resigned from the PD. We are not at liberty to discuss b2
the names of the other four patrolmen because of the
various stages of the investigation. Although it is
not a criminal offense to belong to the KKK in the State
of Illinois, it is contrary to the rules and regulations
of the Chicago PD for one of its members to belong to the
organization in question. It is our plan at present to bring
charges before the Police Board to discharge any of the members
of this organization who do not resign. Through the
cooperation of a search
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and the following police officers have
been confronted by the IID, Chicago PD, regarding
their reported klan activities:
involved in klan activities were offered an opportunity
to resign.
advised on December 28, 1967
submitted his resignation upon being confronted by
TID concerning his NKKKK activities. refused to
cooperate with IID officers in any matter. refused
to resign and declined to make any statement to IID
police officers. submitted his resignation on December 28, 1967, and refused to cooperate with IID police
officers.
OZZZOCIB.
On December 29, 1967, officers of IID located a
twelve-gauge Savage automatic shotgun, serial number
in the police locker assigned to at the 15th
Police District Headquarters, Chicago, Illinois.
stated that and
stated that   and   were excused from duty on December 28, 1967,
and advised that suspension would follow. explained
that being excused from duty rather than being suspended
would permit IID officers to continue interrogating
and
On December 20, 1967
On December 29, 1967, advised submitted his resignation and refused to
furnish IID. Chicago PD. any information.

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On January 2, 1968,
made public the identities of and
as Chicago police officers, who were
involved in KKK activities. advised news
media that and and four other policemen
involved in KKK activities may be charged with violating
the law enforcement officer's Code of Ethics signed by
all policemen. According to the
code required that they "respect the rights of all people."
stated to the press, "The KKK does not respect
the rights of people."
On January 2. 1968. advised
and are scheduled to face a hearing
before the Police Disciplinary Board. According to
the board has the power to recommend dismissal of the charges,
suspension without pay up to 30 days or trial by the five-
man civilian Police Board. advised
and are excused from duty without pay, pending further
action.
On December 29, 1967, and January 2, 1968,
Agent Alcohol, Tobacco and Tax Unit, United
States Treasury Department, Chicago Office, examined guns
seized at residence and indicated no evidence
developed suggesting illegal possession. Agent advised
that Colt45 automatic, serial number and M-1 Grand
3006, semi-automatic, serial <u>number</u> , both having been
contained on list located at residence, are identification
for U.S. Government property and no record of these weapons
having been released by U.S. Government has been located.
dvised that all guns and weapons seized at
residence, as well as weapons listed on sheet of paper
located at his residence, were checked through the files of
the National Crime Information Center at Washington and no
information was locatedorelating to any of the weapons or
firearms, including weapons located in and locker.
On December 29, 1967
and
United States Arsenal, Joliet, Illinois,
commenced inspection of firearms, ammunition and grenades
seized by Chicago PD at residence.

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stated late December 29, 1967,
that, based on initial inconclusive examination, he is
of the opinion much of the ammunition found at
residence was at one time United States Government
propertyindicated that additional inspection
of ammunition, as well as appropriate record checks, will
have to be made before it can be ascertained if any theft
of Government property is involved.
On January 3, 1968, advised that,
based on examinations conducted to date, it would appear
certain grenade pins and perhaps grenades, located at
residence, was stolen United States Government
property. advised that they are continuing
to locate or trace grenades in an effort to determine
where theft occurred.
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Information Center, Washington, D.C., were checked on December 29, 1967, regarding firearms located at
residence and no identifiable information was located. $b7C$
On December 29, 1967, , Cook County
States Attorney's Office, Chicago, Illinois, advised that
being a member of the KKK or the NKKKK or any "hate type
group" is not illegal in the State of Illinois.
related that it was his opinion police officers involved
in NKKKK activities could not be tried on a criminal charge
on the basis of mere membership in the KKK or NKKKK. He
advised it would be necessary to obtain evidence indicating
an overt act had occurred and that such act was illegal
under the laws of Illinois.
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On January 5, 1967, Police
Chicago PD, advised that the Chicago Police
Disciplinary Board met on January 5, 1967. and reviewed
information relating to police officers
and and association with
the NKKKK. The Board recommended to Police
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the Board's recommendation and were separated from the Chicago PD as of midnight,
January 5, 1967. stated that this action is subject
to review by the Chicago Corperation Counsel and the Civilian
Police Board.
"Chicago American" newspaper article, January 4, 1968, stated the following:
Donald R. Heath, who claims to be Grand Dragon of the NKKKK in Illinois and who is one of six Chicago policemen accused of being Klan member stated he wants to discuss with Elijah Muhammad, head of Black Muslims,
what can be done to avoid or prevent any kind of racial b2
violence. Newspaper article indicated possibility of b6
James Conlisk Superintendent Chicago PD attending
conference between Heath and Elijah Muhammad.
who has furnished reliable information in
the past, advised January 5. 1968. Nation of Islam (NOI)
officials, including a National leader,
NOI, had not heard of proposal. stated if
should make such proposal NOI leaders would never
consider it or meet with him.
, Chicago PD, stated
January 5, 1968, that he would not meet with Elijah Muhammad
or at a proposed conference. advised he
knew nothing of the proposal other than newspaper article.

A characterization of the NOI is attached to this communication.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to United States Attorney and Secret Service, both at Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group, Evanston, Illinois

The following newspaper articles pertain no to information set forth above:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) 1. An article captioned "6 Policemen Found To Be Members of Ku Klux Klan," which appeared in the 'Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1967. 2. An article captioned "Officials Laud Move Against Cop Klan Cell," which appeared in the "Chicago Tribune," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1967. 3. An article captioned "Cops' Klan Jars Rights Leaders," which appeared in the "Chicago American," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1967. An article captioned "Hate peddlers must go--Daley," which appeared in the "Chicago Daily News," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1967. 5. An article captioned "Cops Found In K.K.K. Here," which appeared in the "Chicago Tribune," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 29, 1967. 6. An article captioned "The KKK - A Cancer Exposed," which appeared in the "Chicago Sun-Times," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois on December 30, 1967. 7. An article captioned "Disinfecting the Police," which appeared in the "Chicago American," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 30, 1967. 8. An article captioned "Police Brutality," which appeared in the "Chicago Defender," a Negro-oriented weekly newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on January 3, 1968. 9. An article captioned "Delousing the force," which appeared in the 'Chicago Daily News,' a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on December 30, 1967. 10. An article captioned "Police Klansman Seeks Peace Talk with Muhammad," which appeared in the "Chicago American," a daily newspaper published in Chicago, Illinois, on January 4, 1968. - 14 -

### By Art Petacque

Six Chicago policemen have been found to be members of the Ku Klux Klan, it was disclosed Thursday. A six-foot cross—often used as a fiery symbol of klan terrorism—was found in the home of one of the six.

Police Supt. James, B. Conlisk Jr. announced that action is being taken to dismiss the six from the force. Earlier, The Sun-Times exclusively disclosed their affiliation with the racist organization.

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> Two others named as klan members were Fillmore District Patrolman Richard Stan-ום הכם יוו חכבר זה בב חום

Patrolman Donald Heath of and Austin District Patrolman Dennis Aloia, 25, of 4940 W.

> The others were not identicompletion of questioning of them at police headquarters.

> Conlisk said Stanton resigned from the force rather than-submit to questioning on his klan activities.

> Police Internal Inspections Division Director Raymond Clark said that Aloia, who

joined the force three years ago, also resigned.

The six-foot cross — of a plastic material that made it reusable for repeated burnings—was found in Heath's home, according to Conlisk.

The klan long has burned crosses to terrorize Negroes.

Also found in Heath's home were a number of semiautomatic weapons, copies of hate literature and klan pamphlets, according to Deputy Police Supt. John Mulchrone.

The confiscated material, displayed in the 12th-floor office of the IID, included an estimated 200,000 rounds of ammunition, including some of the armor-piercing variety; seven live hand grenades, which were later disarmed; a .45-caliber "grease gun" and several other rifles and pistols, and a gas mask.

Clark said the policemen had been measured for klan robes but had not yet received them.

"I am shocked that members of the Chicago Police Department belong to a hate group," said Conlisk in announcing the findings of the department's investigators.

Conlisk noted that klan membership does not violate a state law. But, he added, it is "contrary to the rules and regulations of the Chicago Police Department."

Conlisk said the four men who had not resigned would be taken before the Police Board for dismissal action.

He said the investigation is continuing to determine if other policemen belong to the klan.

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It was learned that the state's attorney's office entered the investigation of the police klan activities after being informed that possible criminal activities were involved

Negroes, Roman Catholics and Jews have been the main targets of klan violence through the years.

The House Committee on Un-American Activities, summarzing two years of hearings on klan activities, said earlier this month that the organization remains "a vehicle of death, destruction and fear" in the nation.

HUAC estimated the klan's national membership at 17,-000 in 18 states.

However, the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith in October estimated the klan's membership at 55,000 in the South alone.

The klan has been largely dormant in the Chicago area since the 1920s.

Kenneth T. Jackson, in a doctoral thesis prepared at the University of Chicago, reported evidence that the klan marshaled more than 50,000 members in the Chicago area in the early 1920s, a time of tension over integrated housing.

Conlisk, it is known, is deeply concerned about the image of white Chicago policemen in the eyes of the city's Negro population.

In an exclusive Sun-Times interview on Dec. 10, Conlisk told of his hopes of recruiting men "who will be more sensitive to the social problems in law enforcement."

He cited a stepped-up police human relations training program as part of an effort to maintain racial peace in Chicago.

in the same interview, Conlisk vowed a new accent on "aggressive investigation" to ferret out police wrongdoing.

The uninciding of the set policerwa's klan certifies was an apparent outgrowth of that program.

It appeared also that a new and closer relationship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation under Conlisk's regime figured in the klan case.

Because of the klan's history of violence, the FBI maintains surveillance over activities of its white-hooded members.

Joseph J Le Fevour, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Chicago Ledge No. 7, said he found it "hard to believe that any Chicago police officers could be so stupid and irrational as to belong to the Ku Klux Klan."

Le Fevour said the "ideals of professional law enforcement officers are diametrically opposed" to the "totally un - Ametican conduct" that characterizes the klan.

"Officers of this type," Le-Fevour added, "are certainly not representative of the Chicago Police Department.

#### BY PETER NEGRONIDA

Police Supt. James B. Conlisk's decision to take action against Chicago policemen who belong to the Ku Klux Klan drew backing last night from officials of police organizations.

"I find it hard to believe that any Chicago police officer could be so stupid and irrational as to belong to the Ku Klux Klan," said Joseph J. Le-Order of Police.

"The ideals of professional law enforcement officers ar e diametrically opposed to the prejudice, the hate mongering, and the totally un-American conduct that characterizes the klan."

#### Carey Denounces Klan

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He pointed out that there have been rumors of other policemen belonging to Bliack Muslim groups, and he suggested such officers would be enough more for paritions of pu die trial.

#### Plot In As ediction

Carey emphasized that none of the three patrolmen named yesterday as being klansmen [ are members of the patrolmen's association.

ber of the Chicago police board, Ku Klux Klan was then known. expressed approval of Conlisk's. The Klan was formed in 1865 action, and added that was natural "since I'm a Negro and by six young Confederate army have no use for the klan."

qualifying himself from partici-visible empire" was officially pation in such a case because constituted in Nashville, Tenn., of his race.

criminal law at Northwestern freed slaves. university, said it was "deplorable for policemen to belong to the klan."

#### Must Be Neutral

"The responsibility of all police officers is neutrality," said Inbau, former director of the Fevour, president of the Chi-cago lodge of the Fraternal tory. "Any officer who is engaged in any extremist activity has disqualified himself from being a policeman.'

> Inbau said it was ridiculous for the klan to drape itself in a mantle of patriotism. "A klan officer is as bad as a commu-

nist officer," he said.

Yesterday's disclosures ech-Frank T. Carey, president of oed a similar furor over klan

Two firemen were tried before a civil service board on "I don't think any man with charges of "conduct unbecoming members of the Chicago fire department" for their alleged that their oaths as klansmen conflicted with their oaths as city employes.

### Nurse is Questioned

At about the same time, a nurse at the municipal tuberculesis sanitarium was haled before a civil section band for "actions . . . detrimental to the public service." She was charged with speaking fin warm praise" of the K. K. K.

Chicogo's "klan scare" came during the period of the greatest influence of "the invisible Theophilus M. Mann, a mem- empire of the south," as the

veterans in Pulaski, Tenn., as He doubted that any of the a social group. The idea of policemen involved would be wearing white hoods spread brought before the police board, thru the defeated south, tho, but said he would consider dis- and two years later the "inas a means of opposing north-Fred E. Inbau, professor of ern "carpetbaggers" and newly-

> Increasing violence led the Klan's first grand wizard to order it disbanded in 1869, and a federal government crackdown over the next few years led to virtual dissolution of the group.

> Klan activity continued sporadically until World War I, when it was reconstituted near Atlanta in 1915 with anti-Catholic and anti-Jowish bias added to its original anti-Negro basis.

> The 1920; saw Klan activity reach its most violent level, with torchlight parades, and lynchings keeping the group in headlines across the country.

### Burns, Berry Shocked

# Cops' Klan Jars Rights Leaders

"I would be shocked to hear that six people in Chicago were members of the Ku Klux Klan, not to meation six policemen."

That's how John E. Burns, director of the Commission on Human Relations responded to revelations that a Klan chapter was being organized among policemen.

"It is very hard to screen out persons who have anti-Negro leanings in hiring 11,000 policemen," Burns said. "But it is startling to learn that six policemen could have leanings or inbred prejudices so deep that they would turn to an organization like the klan."

"Very Disturbing": Berry Edwin Berry, executive director of the Chicago Urban

league, said:

"The fact that something like this could happen in Chicago is very disturbing. How can we cast aside charges of police brutality when a victim may have been roughed up by a klansmah?

like this casts doubts in everyone's mind about the depart-

ment.'

Berry praised Supt. James B. Conlisk for taking immediate action in suspending the six policemen accused of being klansmen.

"If persons from black violence oriented groups have similarly infiltrated the police department, they, too should be routed. A policement recardless of his rove, much be be-yord regreach," Burry said.

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"The ideals of professional law enforcement officers are diametrically opposed to the prejudice, the hate mongering, and the totally un-American conduct that characterizes the Ku Klux Klan.

"Officers of this type are not representative of the police department."

Frank T. Carey, president of the Chicago Patrolmen's association, said the six suspected policemen were not members of the association.

### 2 Quit, 4 Face Charges

Should any of the six find themselves before the police civilian board, Theophilus M. Mann, a Negro member, may disqualify himself from the hearings.

"Since I am a Negro, I have no use for the klan," Mann said. He said he doubts that the case will reach the board and expects all the six to re-

Thus far, two of the six ac-"Unfortunately, a discovery cused klansmen have resigned. Conlisk said that if the others do not follow, they will be charged with conduct unbecoming an officer.



JAMES B. CONLISK JR.



EDWIN C. BERRY

We'll fire them

# Hate peddlers must go-Daley

By Jay McMullen

Mayor Richard J. Daley vowed Friday to fire any city employe who belongs to "organizations that preach hatred and persecution," including the Ku Klux Klan and the Black Muslims.

'I don't think there's a place pacity for anyone who belongs nority groups toward the poto any such organization," he lice department. said.

government - or any govern- the police department doesn't ment. If we have any informa- want anybody like this as part tion about them, they will not of its staff." remain in the employment of the City of Chicago."

The mayor, at his morning press conference, made the promise after disclosures that at least six Chicago policemen are members of the Ku Klux

DALEY said various racist organizations have been mentioned as having city employes on membership rolls, including the Black Muslims, a Negro religious separatist movement.

"And those organizations will be investigated," Daley said. "We would like to see the City of Chicago be a city of love and friendship."

Along with klansmen, he aid, Black Muslims said, shouldn'd be in the police department!"

SWIFT action by the police department in exposing klan members in its ranks and dismissing them drew favorable comment from many persons involved in race relations in the city--including the director of the Commission on Human Relations.

James Burns, director of the Human Relations Commission, said:

"The action that the police department and Supt. (James B.) Conlisk are taking on this shows they are concerned and that they want to weed these guys out.

"This should better the opinin city government in any ca- ion of some members of mi-

"I would think the Negro "They don't belong in city public would believe now that

> THE REV. ARTHUR Brazier, president of The Wood-Iawn Organization on the South Side, seconded Burns' reaction:

"I would think that the swift action to remove this kind of policeman gives evidence that the police department will not tolerate this kind of activity.

"Supt. Conlisk did a very wise thing when the exposed the Klan operations-and we commend him on this."

Edward McClellan, executive director of the Chicago Chapter, National Assn. for the Advancement of Colored. People, said he "wasn't surprised klansmen were found in such a large organization as the police department.

"What is surprising is that Supt. Conlisk exposed them and took such swift action against them. It is encourag-

ALD. A. A. (SAMMY) Rayner (6th), who has been sharply critical in the past of police attitude toward Negroes, said police-community relations in

the ghetto have been improving recently.

The alderman, a Negro, praised Conlisk for "leaning over backward trying to improve relationships - but he can't control every policeman and there are still some brutes."

"The fact that officials themselves brought it to light is very important," Rayner said. "It shows that they are trying."

NOT ALL PERSONS involved in race relations here thought the disclosures will ease tension between and whites.



Conlisk Discloses

### 3-Month Probe of Group

dago policy depart nest of a Ku-Klux Klar cell equipped with disclosed yesterday by Police Feb. 13, 1961, Supt. James B. Conlisk.

Conlisk told a press confer-

evidence linking at least six patroleien as members of the extremist hate organization.

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> Home is Raided As Conlisk met with report- mask.

ence, he was shocked by the ers at police headquarters, development and said he has members of the police bureau of inspectional services under Capt. John Mulchrone raided Heath's home in the Logan Squere area and seized arms,

The weapons included one submachine gun, four autoguns, hand grenades, and 200, ald Heath, 30, of 2055 N. Lawn-matic riffes, four pistols, 200,-600 rounds of ammunition was dale av., a policeman since 000 rounds of small arms am-| munition, seven hand grenades, and six knives, plus one gas

Also seized were an American flag, a Confederate flag, thousands of leaflets relating to the Ku Klux Klan and applications listing a headquarters in Georgia, a seven-foot plastic cross, and white sheets of the klan.

The raid on Heath's home was conducted with a search warrant obtained from Circuit Judge Arthur J. Dunne at the request of State's Atty. John J. Stamos.

Three-Month Probe

Conlisk said Stamos' office had worked closely with police during the three-month investigation of the cell. Both officials said the inquiry is continuing.

Heath and the five other policemen were summoned to



Supt. James Conlisk

police headquarters at mid-day yesterday for questioning. Later, two of the six submitted their resignations.

They were identified as Richard Start at 20, cf 2000 W. 21 ph., excited with Heath to the predominantly No. o Filindere district on the west side, and Dennis Moia, 25, assigned to the Austin district. Stanton joined the department last Jan. 9; Aloia on March 5, 1905.

Conlisk said charges aimed

at dismissal of Heath and the three other patrolmen would be f.led with the police review board. He declined to identify the three others.

Conlisk said his evidence indicated that Heath, "in his capacity as leader of the group" recruited Stanton, Aloia, and the others into a klan unit entitled the Invisible Empire of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Association of America, with headquarters in Tucker, Ga.

#### Prosecution Is Possible

Conlisk said he had conferred with Stamos on possible criminal prosecution of the six, but was advised "that it is not a criminal offense to belong to the K. E. K. in this state, althout is contrary to rules and regulations of the Chicago police department."

However, he did not discount the possibility of prosecution in connection with the seizure of weapons and the hand grenades, and indicated that federal authorities would investigate this aspect.

Questioned by reporters, Conlisk said it appeared that the guns and bombs had not been stolen. He said he did not know if other policemen might be involved at this time, and did not know where the six had met to conduct K. K. K. business.

#### Vows Hate Group Probes

"What we do know," Conlisk said, "is that this department intends to maintain its image and integrity and will actively investigate any report of policemen associated with hate groups."

It was learned that police of the internal security unit bement have [15] to the fell alored in a first fi

An indication of Heath's involvement, it was further learned, came when investigators noted in amazement the letters K. K. K. painted in white on the trunk of an automobile he was seen driving to and from his beat in the Fillmore district.



Donald Heath



Aloia [left] and Stanton

## The KKK-A Cancer Exposed

The Ku Klux Klan is no stranger to Chicago. In 1921, the hooded organization staged a major organizing drive in Chicago and Cook County, recruiting "lower-middle-class" workers, small businessmen and laborers to resist what the KKK called the political pressures of Chicago's Roman Catholics and to discourage the migration of Negroes to Chicago from the South. Although some historians place KKK strength in Chicago as high as 80,000 in the early 1920s, the Klan's influence died out within three years.

To find the KKK alive again, and active in the Chicago Police Department, is shocking. As Joseph J. Le Fevour, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 7, said, "The ideals of professional law-enforcement officers are diametrically opposed to the prejudice, the hate-mongering and the totally un-American conduct that characterizes the Ku Klux Klan."

The KKK, born in Tennessee out of the turmful of the Civil War, has a long and socumented record of terrorism. It poses as an ultra-patriotic organization. It is a subversive, fascist group that has focused its hatred and terrorist tactics on minority religious and ethnic groups. Infiltrating the police department of any city where the potential of racial strife exists could be counted a considerable coup for the KKK. Wearing a police uniform and using the image of justice, a KKK member could wreak havoc with attempts to keep peace in explosive situations.

Police Supt. James B. Conlisk Jr. deserves credit for making the discovery of the KKK cell in his department public, distasteful and embarrassing as it must be. His decision to do so should give the public even greater confidence in him and in Chicago's police force, which faces great odds in combating crime and violence and an even greater challenge in keeping the peace in a city beset with its share of difficulties. The boast by Klan leaders that it would take a "computer" to count all the KKK members in the Chicago Police Department is, we are certain, wholly as wrong as the Klan's beliefs. That claim should be exploded by a thorough, continuing investigation. Other cities, where the Klan also boasts it has members among the police force, would do well to follow Chicago's example of rooting out the Klan and making the whole distasteful process public.

### Disinfecting the Police

THE REVELATION THAT at least six Chicago policemen are members of the Ku Klux Klan is sickening in itself. A further sorry aspect of it is that attention and effort must now be diverted from fighting crime to disinfecting the police force—and just at a time when a major campaign against crime and violence was shaping up. But it has to be done; any association whatever between police and this rotten organization will taint the whole force and weaken trust in it, and only a thorogoing investigation and cleanup will help.

We are encouraged by the prompt and determined way police and city officials have acted on this information. Police Supt. James B. Conlisk Jr. immediately disclosed the facts and took action to get rid of the policemen named as klan members; Mayor Daley promptly announced that any city employe found to be a member of a hate group would be fired, and called on anyone with information about such employes to pass it on to his office.

Getting klan members off the force is, of course, step one. People of this stripe should be kept as far away as possible from guns, clubs, or any other means of enforcing their mental kinks; no doubt it's impossible to prevent them from getting hold of such things, but they must certainly be yanked out of any position where public money supplies them with weapons and authority.

Beyond that, the police internal investigations unit will have to find out for certain how far this subversion of the police force has been carried. Patrolman Donald Heath, identified as a "dragon" of Illinois klans, has hinted that there are many more klan members in the department. ["The magnitude of the movement here is beyond imagination," he told our reporter.] Heath is hardly a reliable source of information, but his hints make it all the more necessary to get all the facts and disclose them fully.

Finally, an unpleasant fact will have to be faced. This seeming resurgence of the K.K.K. did not start in a vacuum. Extremism on one side is begotten by extremism on the other. The klan is a mirror image of the destructive black racist groups such as the Revolutionary Action movement. Its appeal to violence and race hatred is strengthened by theirs; one form of bigotry grows or diminishes along with the other.

The challenge to be met is not just the klan and its psychotics; it is racist extremism, whichever mask it wears.

The immediate threat, however, is from Heath and his fellow creeps, and the first order of business is to get them out and the department fumigated.

### Police Brutality

Civil rights-organizations have reneatedly levelled the charge of brutality against policemen engaged in quelling slum uprisings. Everytime that charge is brought up, officials in urban centers and the white press uhesitatingly and loudly rise to their defense.

Despite substantiated evidence in support of that charge, the police somehow are always whitewashed. Now, with the disclosure that scores of Chicago policemen hold membership in the Invisible Empire of the Ku Klux Klan, who can doubt Negroes were the victims of trigger-happy, truncheon wielding klansmen wearing the badge of authority.

Even if the evidence were not available, it would be safe to assume that police officers with KKK affiliation would pattern their behavior in the tradition of violence of the hooded organization. Racial demonstrations and riots provide the sought-for opportunity for Negro-haters on the Police Force to beat up and kill a few Negroes.

The Klan was born during the restless days after the Civil War, when time was out of joint in the South and the social order was battered and turned upside down. The masked Klansmen rode across the land. Where intimidation was not sufficient, violence was used. The KKK was developed as a means to control the newly freed Negro and his Northern friends.

The pattern of violence has not changed since 1865. Though by and large public sentiment is somewhat unresponsive to the Klan's creed, there are many in high places who either belong to it or sympathize with its anti-Negro objectives.

Basically, the racial orientation of the Invisible empire is not too much at variance with the racism of the white power structure. It is this anti-Negro attitude that underlies much of the resistance to civil rights, especially in the field of housing.

There is thus much cleansing to be done. Not only in the Police Department where there are not just six members of the Klan but 50-or more according to a Georgia spokesman for the organization, but also in many other municipal agencies.

The city must remove this blot upon its social conscience if it wants to avoid the tragic experience of Watts and Detroit.

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# Delousing the force

Earlier this month, the House Committee on Un-American Activities produced an exhaustive, 371-page report on the Ku Klux Klan, whose character it summed up as follows:

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policemen could construe membership in this hate organization as consistent with their oath to serve their city with all of its heterogenous people.

Whether they were conspirators against the public good or mere dupes, their potential for mischief was enormous. Leaving out of account any activity the six might have engaged in in their Klan roles, their mere membership in the anti-Negro, anti-Jew, anti-Catholic claque of throw-backs damages the whole complex of programs with which Chicago is trying to solve its social problems.

Police Supt. James B. Conlisk handled the ugly situation competently in making public the results of his investigation and preparing charges looking toward the klansmen's dismissal from the force. If, as national Klan leaders leeringly imply, there are still more klansmen hiding on the force, we look to Conlisk to find them, expose them and send them packing.

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Whether they were conspirators against the public good or mere dupes, their potential for mischief was enormous. Leaving out of account any activity the six might have engaged in in their Klan roles, their mere membership in the anti-Negro, anti-Jew, anti-Catholic claque of throw-backs damages the whole complex of programs with which Chicago is trying to solve its social problems.

Police Supt. James B. Conlisk handled the ugly situation competently in making public the results of his investigation and preparing charges looking toward the klantmen's dismissal from the force. If, as national Klan leaders leeringly imply, there are still more klansmen hiding on the force, we look to Conlisk to find them, expose them and send them packing.

APPENDIX

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly referred to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, also known as Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 5, 1967, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam(NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5,1958, the source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 2, 1966, a source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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## Police Klansman Seeks Peace Talk with Muhammad

Policeman Donald Heath, 30, hammad] may be a level-headed said to be the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Illinois, wants to discuss with Elijah Muhammad, head of the Black Muslims, what can be done to avoid any koind of racial violence

If such a conference is arrangel, CHECAGO'S AMERICAN learned, Comdr. George T. Sims Jr. of the Fillmore po-lice district, and possibly Police Supt. James B. Conlisk races." Jr., too, would attend.

The klan is an anti-Negro, anti-Jewish hate organization. The Muslims espouse black supremacy.

One of 6 Accused

Heath, one of six Chicago policemen accused of being klan members, said in an interview in his home at 2055 N. Lawndale av. that he went to Capi Sims' office Tuesday for a six-hour discussion of Woods is investigating to deracism.

quested the meeting with Muhammed, he said, adding:

"I brought up this question in the belief that by doing so I would be able to stop possible trouble.

person, and I think he speaks for a large percentage of his race and would act in their best

Avoid Violence

"In general, I want to talk to him to discuss what could be done to prevent any kind of racial violence, for that might lead to the destruction of both

Policeman William H. Plogger, 44, an alleged confederate. declined to answer when he appeared for questioning at the internal investigations division headquarters.

Patrolman Ernest B. Semet, 32, denied belonging to the klan and volunteered to take a lie test. One has not yet been scheduled.

Meanwhile, Sheriff Joseph I. termine if any of his deputies It was then that Heath re- or guards at the Cook County jail are associated with racist factions. He said:

"If they are, I will get rid of them immediately. I want no kooks on my staff whether they be to the right or left. They "I think possibly he [Mu-| have no place in police work."

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ALL INFORMATION CON HEREIN IS UNCLASSI SUBJECT: DATE 8:29-8% This is to bring you up to date on developments in the matter involving members of the Chicago Police Department (CPD) who have been identified as being members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) in the Chicago, Illinois, area. BACKGROUND: On December 21, 1967, our Chicago Office, on a confidential basis. furnished of the CPD information developed by a racial informant of the Chicago Office that was an for the NKKKK. at that time advised the Chicago Office and | in the NKKKK and had that the CPD had an learned that several Chicago policemen were members of this Klan group. They requested us to take no action which might jeopardize their investigation in this matter, as they did not desire that the news media learn this information prior to the completion of this investigation. We honored their request. REC 11 157-168-85 Our Chicago Office subsequently received several anonymous calls, the latest of which occurred on December 27, 1967, which made it obvious that a "leak" of this information to the press could be made at any time. This information was immediately furnished to advised that he would move against the policemen involved immediately. On December 28, 1967. six policemen were confronted and the apartment of was searched. The search revealed a substantial quantity of firearms, ammunition, hand grenades, knives, Klan literature, a Klan cross and a confederate flag. As a result of the action taken by resigned. The leader of this group, and CONTINUED - OVER

Memorandum to Mr. W. C. Sullivan RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

refused to resign and now face a Chicago Police Department Disciplinary Board Hearing.

At a press and television conference on December 28, 1967, |ndicated that | bolice officers were members of the NKKKK at Chicago although he confidentially advised our Chicago Office that ten police officers had been identified as members of this Klan group. He advised that ten is the CPD undercover went and in an effort to protect this source the CPD is proceeding against and naming as NKKKK members. only b6 We are following this matter closely and are b7C maintaining close liaison with and b7D

our own discreet investigation. All pertinent information received thus far has been disseminated to the Department and interested agencies. You will be kept advised of developments as they occurr.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

None. For information.

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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Contact sources in an effort to ascertain whether VENABLE has travel plans to Chicago.



In Reply, Please Refer to File No. 157-875

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Chicago, Illinois January //, 1968

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 8.22.88. BY \$ 25.4

Reference is made to Chicago memorandum dated January 9, 1968, captioned as above.

Characterizations of the following organizations are attached to this communication: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK); United Klans of America, Incorporated (UKA, KKKK); and National States Rights Party (NSRP).

On who has furnished reliable informaton in the past, advised that he had learned that on January 7, 1968, a Wallace for President/committee group held a meeting at the residence of

The meeting was attended by approximately 20 persons and the following individuals were speakers at the meeting:

and
all of Chicago, Illinois.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)
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Special Assistance Squad, Milwaukee
Police Department, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, advised January 8,
1968, that James Venable, Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK, will
be in Chicago. Illinois, during the week of January 7-13, 1968.
According to the purpose of Venable's
visit is to offer legal assistance to and other
discharged police officers who have been accused of being
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The above information was furnished to Chicago Police Department, when
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Copies of this letterhead memo are being furnished to the following agencies:

## NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

United States Attorney, Chicago, Illinois;
United States Secret Service, Chicago, Illinois; and
Region I, 113th Military Intelligence Group,
Evanston, Illinois.

b2 b6 b7C .b7D UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klam organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the prmotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

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1901, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America,
Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
The merged organization established headquarters in Suite 401,
Alston Building. Tuscaloosa. Alabama. (The organization is
directed by and is the dominant
Klan group in the South, with units in several southern states.)
source advised that at a meeting in Prattville,
Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku
Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights
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This source advised on May 25, 1966, that the UKA is
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NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY CHICAGO, ILLYNOIS

A source advised on February 8, 1966, that the Chicago branch of the National States Rights Party(NSRP) is located at the NSRP National Bookshop at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. The Chicago branch of the NSRP was officially opened on December 29, 1965, when Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS, National Director of the NSRP, spoke at a rally held at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago.

The above source also advised that the National Office of the NSRP is located at Augusta, Georgia, and the Chicago branch of the NSRP subscribes to the policies of the National Office of the NSRP. The Chicago branch of the NSRP believes that there should not be race mixing between whites and Negroes and that Negroes in the United States by conducting demonstrations and causing riots are causing a breakdown of law and order in the United States. The NSRP believes that the Jews and the Negroes should be exposed in their attempts to have integration between whites and Negroes.

A source advised on the Chicago branch of the NSRP was bankrupt and unable to pay rent for premises at 2237 North Western Avenue, Chicago. This source advised on March 3, 1967, Chicago branch NSRP vacated premises at 2237 North Western Avenue and ceased to function as an organization on March 1, 1967. On March 1, 1967, according to source, members agreed to remain in contact with each other until such time as they could reorganize NSRP at Chicago.

On \_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ source advised the NSRP does not have a headquarters at Chicago; however, members have maintained contact with each other and plan to reactivate the group if civil rights demonstrations commence in Chicago.

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### APPENDIX

## NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY (NSRP)

On November 26, 1967, a source advised that the United White Party (UWP) was organized at a convention held in Knoxville, Tennessee, on November 10, 1957. An article in the November 26, 1957, issue of the "Greenville Piedmont," a newspaper of Greenville, South Carolina, reported "the recent formation of a new political party, to be known as the United White Party." According to the article, the party was formed at a recently held meeting in Knoxville, Tennessee, at which many klansmen were represented. The UWP was reported as being opposed to all "race mixing organizations and individuals."

The July, 1958, issue of "The Thunderbolt," self-described as the "official Racial Nationalist Organ of the National States Rights Party" (NSRP), reported that rank and file "States Righters" had merged with the UWP under "the banner of the National States Rights Party," with national offices at Post Office Box 261, Jeffersonville, Indiana.

In November, 1958, a source advised that the NSRP is composed of past members of Klan-type organizations and notorious anti-Semites.

Issue No. 19, dated June, 1960, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the headquarters of the NSRP had been changed from Jeffersonville, Indiana, to Post Office Box 783, Birmingham, Alabama.

Issue No. 69, dated July, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 184, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue No. 88, dated April, 1967, of "The Thunderbolt" announced the address of the new headquarters of the NSRP as Post Office Box 6263, Savannah, Georgia, 31405.

On August 4, 1965, a source advised that EDWARD R. FIELDS, the Information Director of the NSRP and Editor of "The Thunderbolt," is the individual who actually controls the NSRP.

Issue No. 72, dated November, 1965, of "The Thunderbolt," reflects Dr. EDWARD R. FIELDS to be National Director of the NSRP as well as Editor of "The Thunderbolt."

"The Thunderbolt" continues to publish articles attacking Negroes and persons of the Jewish faith.

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To:

SAC, Chicago (187-895)

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Director, FBI (157-168)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RM - KLAN

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Bufiles do not contain any identifiable information concerning the above individuals.

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Chicago, in connection with the recently publicized involvement on the part of Chicago Policemen with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, requestedg a check of Bufiles for the six individuals mentioned above.

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	TROW :	SAC, CHICAGO (157-895) (P)
	SUBJECT:	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)
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		OO: ATLANTA
		On 1/8/68,
		ternal Investigation Division (IID), Chicago Police
1.	Departmen	t (CGPD) furnished information set forth below:
		requested that
		on should be afforded utmost security in view of his
		at irreparable harm would be done to the racial in Chicago in the event disclosure would be made
		blic at this time.
	<u>-</u> г	The state of the s
		advised that in addition to the 6 Chicago that have resigned or been suspended from the
	Departmen	t because of their association with the NKKKK, there
		police officers who are currently being interrogated
		f information furnished suggesting they may be r in some way associated with the NKKKK.
		hat all of the men listed below, with the exception
		are currently working as Chicago Policemen.
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	GPD and conce k militants.	ivably coul	d serve as a	catalyst for
or being	Police offi associated w	cers who ar	e under susp KK are as fo	icion as members llows:
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advised that the above individuals names
were located in the residence of
on 12/28/67, when CGPD searched his residence under
a search werrent   gdvised the list contained 29
names includin police officers who were suspended or
resigned on 12/28, 29, and 1/4/68. Listo, in addition.
resigned on $12/28$ . 29, and $1/4/68$ . List; in addition, contain names of pfficers referred to above as well as
names of other known members of the NKKKK, not police officers.
names of poner manages of the follow officers:
stated that listed above,
is an for IID and is is hoped that his identity
with NKKKK can be concealed in order to continue his work
as an in IID for CGPD. advised
that both he and purposely have not
indicated to the public the possibility of additional klansmen
in the Department in an effort to protect
stated that it is hoped that the above named with the exception
of can be released from the department if it appears that
they are members of the NKKKK without jeopardizing
position in the Department or rendering ineffective his potential
as a for IID concerning Klan activities.
indicated IID is pursuing the investigation of CGPD
in an effort to identify all individuals who may be associated
with hate-type groups and in this regard utility in
Klan mathers is believed to be so valuable that his identity
must be concealed even if it should mean maintaining other police
officers in the Department who may be members in the NKKKK for
a temporary period,
stated he as well as
would appreciate withholding any investigation on the above
named individuals at this time that might result in their
disclosure,
On 1/12/68,
that he had been telephonically contacted by
House on Un-American Activities (HUAC),
Washington, D. C. related that stated a
number of congressmen have publicly expressed their belief that a
HUAC hearing should be held at Chicago relative to infiltration of the Chicago PD by members of the Klan or other hate-type groups.

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dvised that he told that both he and are of the firm opinion that any HUAC hearing concerning klansmen on the CGPD would cares additional racial tension in the city and could possibly be the direct cause of racial violence in Chingo. expressed his belief that shared the same opinion specifically that was not in favor of HUAC holding hearings in Chicago at this time concerning alleged members of hate-type groups on the CGPD. Chicago maintaining liaison with in regard to above matters. and as advaged of any information developed. The Bureau rning individuals set forth above. Chicago indices negative.

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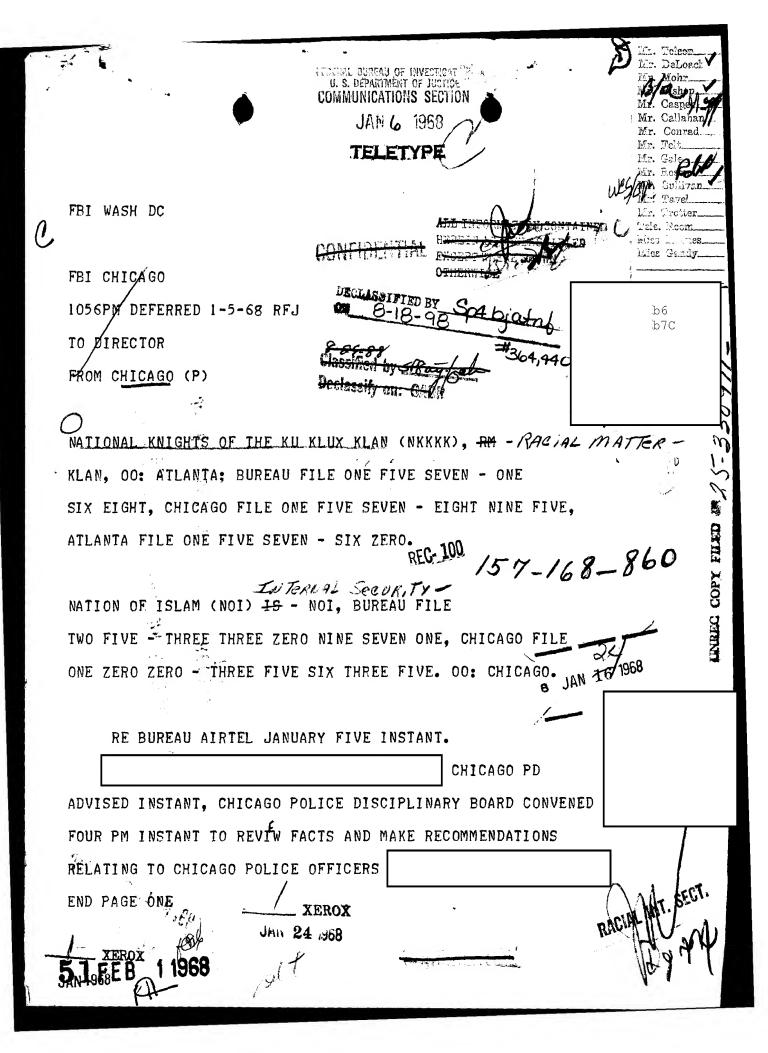
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AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA. Will check indices for information relating to above individuals. As noted utmost discretion must be afforded.

### CHICAGO

AT CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. Will follow closely and take appropriate action. Although cases will be opened on above officers no investigation will be conducted which would jeopardize CGPD's source or identify CGPD officers who are currently suspected of being members of the NKKKK.

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BOARD RECESSED AT APPROXIMATELY SEVEN THIRTY P.M.
INSTANT AND RECOMMENDED TO
CHICAGO PD, ALL OFFICERS BE SEPARATED FROM PD.
MMEDIATELY ADVISED SAC,
CHICAO, HE ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE DISCIPLINARY
BOARD STATED SEPARATION EFFECTIVE FOR ABOVE 570
NAMED OFFICERS AS OF MIDNIGHT INSTANT.
ADVISED ABOVE DECISION
IS SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY CHICAGO'S CORPORATION COUNSEL
AND CIVILIAN POLICE BOARD.
CHICAGO AMERICAN NEWSPAPER ARTICLE JANUARY FOUR LAST
STATED FOLLOWING:
WHO CLAIMS TO BE
OF THE NKKKK IN ILLINOIS AND WHO IS ONE OF SIX CHICAGO
POLICEMEN ACCUSED OF BEING KLAN MEMBER STATED HE WANTS
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ATLANTA WILL CONTACT APPROPRIATE SOURCES IN EFFORT TO CORRO-BORATE ABOVE INFO AS WELL AS IDENTIFY THIRD PERSON REFERRED TO BY

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TO DISCUSS WITH ELINH MUHAMMAD HEAD OF BLACK SLIMS	
WHAT CAN BE DONE TO AVOID OR PREVENT ANY KIND OF RACIAL	
VIOLENCE. NEWSPAPER ARTICLE INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF	
CHICAGO PD ATTENDING CONFIDEN	III
CONFERNCE BETWEEN AND ELIJAH MUHAMMAD.	
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SUCH PROPOSAL NOI LEADERS WOULD NEVER CONSIDER IT OR MEET	
WITH HIM.	
CHICAGO PD STATED	
INSTANT THAT HE WOULD NOT MEET WITH ELIJAH MUHAMMAD	
OR AT A PROPOSED CONFERENCE. ADVISED HE	
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## Memorandum

(157-168): DIRECTOR, FBI TO

DATE: 1/22/68

SAC. LOUISVILLE (157-224) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN RM - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE . 8. 23-88. BY ..

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Re Atlanta letter and letterhead memorandum dated 1/10/68.

It is noted that according to referenced letterhead memorandum the initial issue of the "Imperial Nighthawk" newspaper in an article regarding "Klan news" includes the in Kentucky" has built a statement that wonderful organization which is growing by leaps and bounds. In this connection it is believed the reference to subject of Bureau file 157-3166. is to Non-prosecutive summary reports have been submitted to the and as noted in Louisville Bureau regarding letter of 11/29/67 the investigation regarding him has been placed in a closed status because there is no information he is currently active in Klan matters, and Cincinnati informant reported he appears to be mentally unbalanced.

In addition, Louisville Division possesses no information that the captioned organization is organized and active in the State of Kentucky.

In view of the above, Louisville contemplates no further action regarding instant matter.

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TO DIRECTOR (157-16	8) AND ATLANTA (157-60)	Mr. TrotterTele. Room
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NOT IDENTIFIED, ALS	O APPOINTED NKKKK OFFICER CH	ICAGO AREA.
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TUCKER, GEORGIA.	ADVISED AS	HE MAY RELOCATE, b6
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# Domestic Intelligence ivision

INFORMATIVE NOTE

1/6/68

We first learned of the six Chicago police officers being members of the Klan on 12/28/67.

We will continue to follow this matter closely.

Details are being furnished to the Department, Secret Service and the military.

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DATE 8-29-88 DESP

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		DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)	
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a	s above.	Re Chicago teletype to Bureau dated 1/17/68 captioned	
e e	aptioned ach of the	Enclosed for the Bureau are 11 copies of an LHM as above. Enclosed for Atlanta are 2 copies of LHM and one information copy is being furnished he designated offices, inasmuch as states mentioned e covered by indicated offices.	
		One copy of LHM being furnished United States and Secret Service, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Illinois.	
w N a:	ho have   KKKK Klav s NKKKK olice De	For the information of offices not having recieved respondence in this matter and chicago police officers been identified on 12/28/67 as having belonged to a vern. who publically admitted his position has been suspended from the Chicago partment and the remaining officers are under	ğ,
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CG 157-8951 Chicago, is SAC contact and must be concealed per request). Illinois, Chicago Police Department furnished information set forth in LHM as received. Chicago following closely and Bureau will be promptly advised of any pertinent information concerning activities of captioned organization or individuals mentioned b2 in LHM. b6 b7C b7D LEAD ATLANTA AT ATLANTA AND TUCKER, GEORGIA. Contact appropriate sources in an effort to ascertain the validity of statements attributed to s set forth in LHM.

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## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

157-895

Chicago, Illinois 60604 January 18, 1967

KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK) RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE DATE 8:29.88. BY

Re memoranda dated January 9, 1968 and January 11, 1968, captioned as above.

	Characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) is attached to this communication.	
Ą	who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on January 17, 1968, that of had informed Chicago new media on January 17, 1968, that he had been designated for the midwest states including Illinois.	7
	According to identified  as for the state of Illinois.  Indicated a third person, not further identified, was also appointed an NKKK officer for the Chicago area.	J
	to states within his jurisdiction.	b2 b6 b7c
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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)

On page two of the Three Star Final, "Chicago Tribune" newspaper published at Chicago, Illinois, on January 18, 1968, is an article containing the following information:

Donald Heath, suspended Chicago policeman, identified as number one leader of the Ku Klux Klan in Illinois, has been promoted to head all Klan operations in the States of Indiana, Michigan, Iowa, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Missouri, according to James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard, NKKKK, Tucker, Georgia.

The article indicated Heath, in an interview, confirmed his appointment and his presence at the Tucker, Georgia meeting with Venable recently. Heath indicated William Plogger of 2340 North Lawndale Avenue, Chicago, Illi nois, will serve as King Kleagle (Vice-President) in Illinois. Heath further stated he is considering leaving Chicago, a move that would necessitate his quiting his job with the Chicago Police Department.

Copies of this memorandum are being furnished to the United States Attorney, Secret Service, both Chicago, Illinois, and Region I, 113th MI Group, Evanston, Illinois.

## Domestic Intelligence Division

This relates to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and two other former members of the Chicago Police Department who were suspended after their association with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was made known publicly by Chicago Police Department authorities. At a press conference advised he has been appointed for seven midwest states.

We are following closely to verify information. Dissemination being made to the Department and appropriate agencies.

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[ ]	RN - KLAN (CO: ATLANTA)  ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  OATE 8-29:88.BY.	
	advised on that several	
	meetings (of former United Klans of America, Inc. members)	
	have taken place recently in Detroit, Michigan. The purpoof these meetings was to organize a unit of the NKKKK in	15 (
	Detroit, Michigan, because they were dissatisfied with the leadership in the UKA.	
	the teadership in the that	
	ndvised that JAMES R. VENAPLE, his and another person unknown	
	from Stone Mountain, Georgia, are to fly from Georgia	
	to arrive in Detroit at The of	
	Oragonia, Ohio, and the f Ohio and	
	from Abron. Ohio. are to drive to Detroit arriving about advised that the Chicago	)
	Police Officer and his wife who recently received publicit as being Klansmen, are also expected to travel to Detroit	ζŢ
	on These visitors will meet with local Detroit	
	individuals for the purpose of organizing a unit of the NKKKK and a Women's Auxiliary in Detroit.	
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	Detroit 'will have informants at the meeting scheduled for and pertinent information will	
	be furnished the interested offices.  C. C Bishop	p
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AT 157-60

stated that and arrived in a
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advised she was not certain of the license number. She also
advised that while in the Atlanta area and visited
an individual whose telephone number wasind who
resided in Mableton, Georgia. A review of Atlanta criss-cross
directory indicates that subscriber to 1s
A review of Atlanta indices on was negative.  In contact with also advised was unknown to her.
advised that the reason VENABLE could not supply with financial assistance was because VENABLE's Klan organization has not collected dues in approximately two years. VENABLE is not in a satisfactory financial posi-
tion himself.
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advised that she was unaware of b7D
appointment as in Illinois and was
also unaware of the identity of a third individual appointed as an Officer in the Chicago area.
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individual a for a state or geographical area, the selection of his subordinates is left at his discretion and VENABLE makes no decision or attempt to influence the Grand Dragon in any manner. stated for this reason is unaware of any of the designated subordinates to advised however, that was aware that was also a member of the Chicago Police Department prior to his suspension from that department due to his affiliation with the captioned organization.
stated that JAMES VENABLE has just recently completed his defense for in the FLOYD HOARD murder trial in Jackson County, Georgia.

## AT 157-60

### DETROIT

### AT DETROIT, MICHIGAN

(I) Maintain contact with sources knowledge-able with captioned organization's activities in the Detroit area, regarding proposed travel of VENABLE.

## ATLANTA

AT ATLAN	ra, GEORGIA			
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Maintain	contact with		and advise	b7C
interested offices	of any proposed	travel by	VENABLE.	b7D

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PAGE TWO FROM ATLANTA

LOCATED ON VENABLE PROPERTY IN DEKALB COUNTY, GEORGIA.

DETROIT FOLLOW AND REPORT VENABLE'S ACTIVITIES

THROUGH CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE SOURCES.

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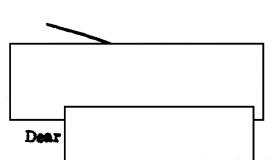
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February 1, 1968

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In reply to your letter of January 27th, information contained in the files of the FBI must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice; therefore, I am unable to be of service in connection with your inquiry concerning James R. Venable.

While I will not be able to choose my successor since the Director of the FBI is appointed by the Attorney General, I believe in the policy of premoting men from within the service. I can assure you there are men within the ranks of the FBI who are fully qualified to direct its operations.

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Sincerely yours, J. Edgar Hoover

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		who was the subject	ct of
a Racial Matters-Klan in		was cooperat	
James R. Venable is an Wizard National Knights	Attorney in Atlanta	, Georgia, who is Impe	rial
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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I am writing you for two purposes. The first one is to settle a 'drug store' argument.

We both know that nited Klans of America have broken the law. We also know that of The Hississippi White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has broken the laws of our country. Now, Has James R. Venable, attorney at law who heads the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan ever broken any law at all???? I would deeply appreciate a speedy reply on this matter at once.

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Now, the second purpose is this: When you retire can we, the American people expect a good as director as you? Are you trainingwa man, or some men to take your place, and are as hard working and dedicated as you are???? We would like that answered also.

God bless you,

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PS: I beg for your personal Answer.

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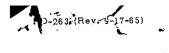
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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

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Character:

RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

Synopsis:

NKKKK Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, officially disbanded during August, 1967, due to lack of interest in Klan movement. Efforts to reactivate Klan in Northern Ohio area renortedly unproductive although former former was members who would join him in the NKKKK. However, has been unable to schedule any NKKKK rallies and gives no indication there is a Klavern of the NKKKK currently active in the Akrom area.

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#### DETAILS:

A characterization of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) and the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA) are contained in the Appendix section of this report.

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# I. CURRENT STATUS OF THE KLAN

A. Dissolution of NKKKK  Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio  MIMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION
on reported that who is known to source as an active Klansman and member of Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, had on July 18, 1967, informed him that it looked like the NKKKK was finished in Cleveland, and that the Exalted Cyclops of NKKKK Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, was marrying a girl from Georgia and leaving Cleveland.
on informed that NKKKK Klavern #6, was officially disbanded on August 7, 1967, when NKKKK Klavern #6 turned over to NKKKK Klavern #6 the balance of the funds in the treasury of Klavern #6, which amounted to \$83.00. The funds were used to cover the past debts of the Klavern in order to clear the books on the dissolution of the Klavern.
related that the collapse of Klavern #6 in the Greater Cleveland area can be directly attributed to the lack of interest in the Klan movement in the area.
continued that  had attempted to keep the Klavern going but failed.  left Cleveland during August, 1967, to live in the  Atlanta, Georgia, area, where he married a local girl and is expected to continue his Klan activities.
also noted that actually had little interest in the Klan movement inasmuch as he had been attempting to start a Cleveland chapter of another national extremist right-wing organization a long time prior to the failure of Klavern #6.
the of Klavern #6, Cleveland, Ohio, on November 4, 1967, informed that NKKKK Klavern #6 is "out of business" and that the last of the Klavern, had taken the funds of Klavern #6 from the Klavern's
Klabee in order to pay off the financial obligations

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further advised that there has been no Klan activity in the Cleveland area for almost a year, and that he knows of no planned Klan activity in the future. Efforts to Reactivate the Klan В. informed that of NKKKK Klavern a informed that during the last noted that he has never been a member of the Klan although he is strongly identified with the extremist right-wing movement.

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of the "Imperial Nighthawk" newspaper published by the NKKKK

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at Stone Mountain, Georgia.

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In an article appearing in the "Imperial Nighthawk" entitled, "Klan News", information was published concerning Klan activities in various states throughout the United State In this connection the article in nart stated that they were congratulating and from the Northern Ohio area, as well as other Klansmen from the Southern Ohio area, for their splendid work in rebuilding the State of Ohio this past year.	es.
as one of the leaders of the NKKKK movement in the Northern Ohio area when the NKKKK was active.	
related that	
or the UKA, Akron, Ohio, Klavern, On	
September 24, 1967, advised that he was in the process of	
organizing a local group of Klansmen to affiliate with the	
JAMES R. VENABLE Klan organization. He referred to VENABLE's	}
group as the "Invisible Empire", Original Knights of the	
Ku Klux Klan, although source believed that this organization	L .b2
is actually the NKKKK, inasmuch as JAMES R. VENABLE is the	b6
Imperial Wizard of the NKKKK.	b7
advised that indicated he had about t Klansmen from the Akron, Ohio, Klavern of the UKA, who would join him.	
on recapitulated a summary	
of information concerning possible activities of the MKKKK in	•
the Akron, Ohio, area at the present time, which is set forth as follows:	
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During April, 1967, the	1
of the Akron Klavern, United Klans of America, Inc	
(UKA), dropped out of the UKA following numerous lengthy	•
disputes with of the UKA Akron	
Klavern.	
y special invitation, held two meetings	
at his home of Akron Klavern UKA members he felt he could	
trust, about ten in number. He convinced these members	
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to withdraw from the UKA and join with him in becoming	
members of the 'reactivated original Klan - to be known	

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"under the national leadership of JAMES VENABLE, Immerial
Wizard of the NKKKK. At the two April meetings,
informed his Ex-UKA members that he hoped to hold
regular meetings, rallies, etc. in the near future.
"By late-September, 1967, it was learned from
that he had been unable to schedule any rallies
in the area, but that he had visited down South on Klan
business and had talked to VENARIE   indicated he
business and had talked to VENABLEindicated he continued to have about ten followers locally, but that
nothing was being accomplished. spoke in a very
religious vein and indicated that one of the national
leaders of the NKKKK was a an ordained
minister of St. Petersburg, Florida. too, hoped
to be ordained a minister.
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"It is believed from line of talk that he is
becoming so religious he probably will soon lose his Klan
followers. They are just not the type individuals to
long.
"Times manest contact with
"From recent contact with it appears he has gone over-board on the religious kick. He sits in his home
gone over-board on the religious kick. He sits in his home
and plays tapes of recorded religious messages, reportedly
made by one Rev. SWIFT of California, which are pro-
segregation and anti-Semetic in nature. would like
to travel to California to confer with Rev. SWIFT, whose
records indicate he is convinced the Klan is the only group
that can save the country from ultimate domination by the
Communists. gives no indication there is a
Klavern of the NKKKK currently active in the Akron, Ohio,
area, although he promises the Klan's influence will be
felt in the next presidential election. talks of plans to hold a gigantic Klan rally, possibly at Soldier's Field in Chicago, Illinois, where 150,000 persons
or plans to note a gigantic kian rally, possibly at
Soldier's Fleid in Unicago, Illinois, where 150,000 persons
could attend, but he knows of no way to organize such a rally
"It remains to be seen whetherwill be able
to retain his following of Ex-UKA members, or whether
some, if not all, will drift back to the UKA, or out of the
Klan altogather "

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#### NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A source advised that on May 22, 1960, the National Grand Council of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan met at Atlanta, Georgia, to discuss consolidation of the Klan's unity of effort and activities to establish a National Fund and a National Secretary and to design a new flag. The meeting was attended by representatives of the Federation of Ku Klux Klan, Alabama; Association of Arkansas Klans, Arkansas; Florida Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Florida; Southern Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, North Carolina; Association of South Carolina Klans, South Carolina; Dixie Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Tennessee; and Hyksos Klan, Texas.

Carolina and Texas Klans were not represented, it was resolved and passed that their names be changed to National Ku Klux Klan.	b2 b6 b7 b7
A source advised in that several meetings of Klan groups were held during the period 1960-1963 in an effort to unite the Klan groups under a single leadership.	
The organization was granted a charter in DeKalb County, Georgia, November 1, 1963, under the name of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., as a "patriotic, secret, social and benevolent order."	
source advised in that the organization had issued a statement of its program which indicated the organization to be anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic and anti-foreign born.	
The source advised in that the organization has its headquarters in Tucker, Georgia, and the day-to-day operations are under the direction of JAMES R. VENABLE, Chairman.	ı

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#### UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (UKA)

Records of Superior Court of Fulton County, Georgia, reflect that this Klan organization was granted a corporate charter on February 21, 1961, at Atlanta, Georgia, under the name United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of America, Inc.

A source advised on February 27, 1961, that United Klans was formed as a result of a split in U.S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. According to the source, the split resulted from a leadership dispute, and United Klans has the same aims and objectives as the parent group. These are the promotion of Americanism, white supremacy, and segregation of the races.

The source and a source advised in
July, 1961, that United Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan
of America, Inc., merged with Alabama Knights, Knights of
the Ku Klux Klan. The merged organization established head-
quarters in Suite 401. Alston Building. Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
(The organization is by
and is the dominant Klan group in the South, with
units in several southern states.)
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source advised that at a meeting in Prattville
Alabama, on October 22, 1961, the U.S. Klans, Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan, merged with the United Klans of America, Inc.,
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.
source advised on that the UKA
is currently an active organization, with Klaverns in several
states. This source said that is the
of this organization and was elected to this
position on September 5, 1964, at a National Klonvocation in
Birmingham, Alabama. Source stated that during April, 1966,
the National Office was moved from Suite 401. Alston Building,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to the carport of residence,
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ne nad converted into a room.

#### APPENDIX



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